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Decree issued by GOH prohibiting calls at Cuban ports by Honduran Flag vessels under pain of "corresponding sanctions". "Considerandos" of decree refer to danger to western hemisphere posed by penetration communist system into Cuba and ties that country with Sino-Soviet bloc which have led to exclusion Cuba from OAS; GOH termination of relations with Cuba April 24, 1961 and cessation of diplomatic and commercial relations; Cuban-Communist bloc arms traffic which constitutes threat to western hemisphere since communists tactic is to support subversive movement in order to overthrow democratic institutions by violent means; obligation members inter-American system to preserve and defend democratic institutions and freedom their peoples.

In addition "corresponding sanctions", decree provides that Honduran Consuls will not legalize papers of Honduran Flag vessels transporting cargo to Cuba or destined to Cuban ports; military and customs officials will likewise not legalize documents of ships traveling to or from Cuban ports; Ministry Finance to communicate decree to owners, captains, agents all Honduran Flag vessels

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Mr. Abbuhl (ARA) notified, 10/20/62. CWO/m

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